

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

What is sure to be a thoroughly popular social function this summer is the children's party, to be held on July 1st in the garden of Marlborough House, which has been lent by the Prince of Wales, President of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., in aid of the reconstruction fund of the Hospital.

Tea will be served on the lawns, and there will be children's entertainments and games.

Tickets, which are 10s. each, or 25s. for a family of three, may be had from Mrs. Geoffrey Dawson, the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.

Members of the Peter Pan League will be admitted for 7s. 6d., and nurses in charge of children for 5s.

A new ward named after Princess Elizabeth was recently opened by the Duchess of York at the Queen's Hospital, Hackney Road, Bethnal Green, E., which will provide accommodation for 26 children and for the first time enable the hospital to segregate babies under five years of age.

The Duchess was accompanied by the Duke of York, who is President of the Hospital, and Lord William Cecil, Chairman of the Hospital, read an address which recalled that in 1923 the Duchess had opened a ward which was named after herself. For 64 years the doors of the institution had been open to receive sick and injured children, and gratitude was felt for the Royal favour which had inspired these efforts.

The Matron of the Hospital is Miss Allen.

We are glad to note that influential people, notably the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, are protesting against the sweepstake on the Grand National being described as "Sweepstake for Hospitals." He quite rightly contends that the Irish sweepstake was not a sweepstake for hospitals. It was for the benefit of several runners, whose claims are met in the following order:—(1) the promoters, (2) the fortunate holders of winning tickets, (3) the hospitals (some lengths behind). Sir Arthur objects to hypocrisy in this connection, and states he took his modest two tickets, not because of the help that he wanted to give to the hospitals but because he hoped to win something which would conduce to his comfort in old age, and he argues that if people really wanted to help the hospitals they would give them the money which they gave for their tickets. Sir Arthur makes his protest because it is certain that efforts will be made to induce Parliament to legalise sweepstakes and lotteries in this country, and it is equally certain that the main argument used by the supporters of legalisation will be the needs of the hospitals. In other words (he points out in the *Times*) the hospitals will provide the smoke screen under which the attack will be made.

It is with pleasure that we publish the charming picture of one of the hospitals of bygone days—Bede House, or

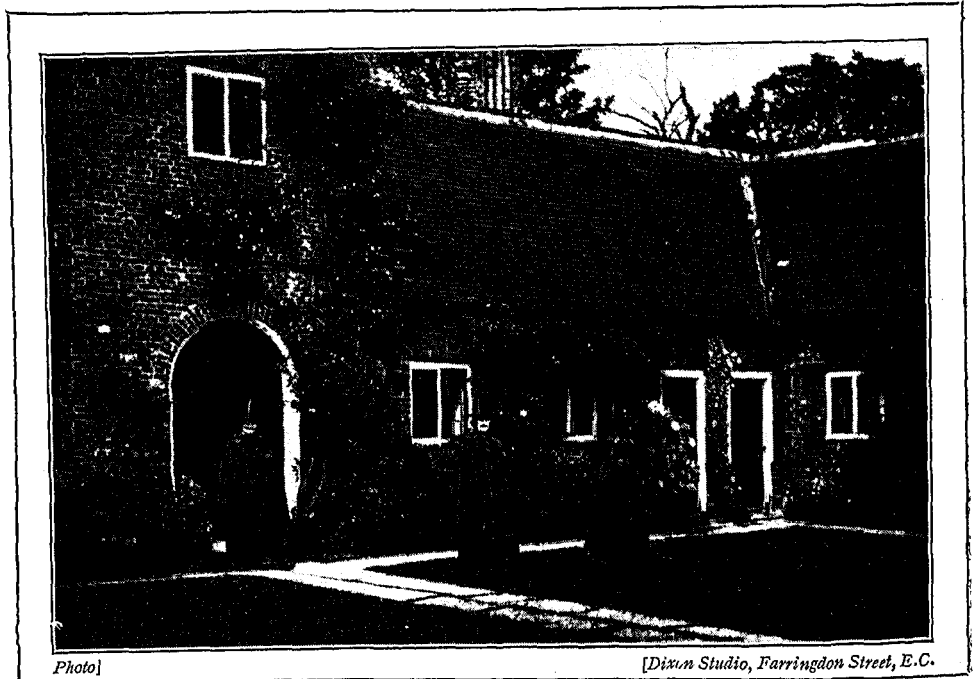
Holy Trinity Hospital, at Castle Rising, Norfolk. It was founded about 1605 by Henry Howard, Earl of Northampton, for poor elderly women. The inmates still wear on Sundays and Saints' days the peaked hats and red cloaks of the period, with the Howard badge—a costume probably unique.

THE STATE EXAMINATIONS.

The results of the State Examinations, held in February, 1931, under the authority of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, are as under:

PRELIMINARY STATE EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY, 1931.

	Entered.	Absent.	Present.	Passed.	Failed.	Percentage of failures.
Complete Examination ...	2,102	127	1,975	1,294	681	34.5
Re-entries for Part Examination ...	350	17	333	201	132	30.7



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BEDE HOUSE, CASTLE RISING, NORFOLK.

FINAL STATE EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY, 1931.

Supplementary parts of the Register.

	General Register.	Male Nurses.	Mental Nurses.	Nurses for Mental Defectives.	Sick Children's Nurses.	Fever Nurses.
Entered—						
Whole Examination	1,291	4	36	1	75	207
Part Examination	519	4	4	—	14	40
Absent—						
Whole Examination	43	1	2	—	4	11
Part Examination	23	—	—	—	—	1
Present—						
Whole Examination	1,248	3	34	1	71	196
Part Examination	496	—	4	—	14	30
Passed—						
Whole Examination	803	3	25	1	60	136
Part Examination	263	—	—	—	10	35
Failed—						
Whole Examination	385	—	9	—	11	60
Part Examination	233	—	4	—	4	4
Percentage of Failures—						
Whole Examination	30.8%	—	26.4%	—	15.5%	30.6%
Part Examination	46.9%	—	100%	—	28.6%	10.3%

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